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RUBBER STATE RETURNS.

	Oct.	Nov.	Jan.-Nov.
Allagar	8,515	8,250	31,877
Alor Pongu	2,561	1,518	15,118
Alor Gajah	30	30	1,074
Alma	1,200	1,100	7,350
Anglo Malay	6,359	5,547	5,547
Ayer Kuning	401	2,586	2,586
Ayer Molek	2,093	1,838	1,838
Ayer Panas	1,265	2,100	7,705
Balagowie	8,481	9,959	91,817
Batak Rabi	1,728	1,563	5,563
Banteng	4,800	24,137	24,137
Batu Caves	15,572	119,612	119,612
Batu Tiga	11,251	75,122	75,122
Bernam	1,100	1,500	2,600
Bertam	3,335	20,01	83,893
Bikam	3,335	20,01	83,893
Brieh	3,335	20,01	83,893
Bukit Kajang	5,664	7,831	48,101
Bukit Rajah	4,753	6,100	308,905
Bukit Lintang	1,357	1,246	48,820
Bukit Timah	691	2,295	6,574
Bukit K. B.	4,000	4,000	4,000
Bukit Chelata	10,350	0,500	07,050
Jarey United	2,955	29,544	29,544
Johongkat Serdang	2,334	1,919	11,331
Changkat Salak	9,5	1,100	3,045
Cheng	15,26	15,13	124,725
Cicely	23,641	119,020	119,020
Consolidated Malay	2,334	2,334	2,334
Caledonia	440	915	1,355
Chumor	8,000	61,950	61,950
Chersonese	3,312	3,612	16,514
Chota	503	1,410	2,000
Damasara	440	915	1,355
Dumblon	440	915	1,355
Edinburgh	8,000	61,950	61,950
Federated (Selang.)	24,670	35,950	4,483
F.M.S. Rubber	24,670	35,950	4,483
Godong	2,094	2,132	19,797
Glenaly	5,317	6,060	40,856
Glenziel	8,517	60,803	60,803
Golden Hope	12,000	32,800	104,416
Golconda	617	3,439	3,439
Gula Kalumpung	12,512	1,103	81,641
Hat-Kee	608	144	2,318
Harpden	1,334	1,334	6,561
Harvor	48,253	49,477	159,573
High & Lowlands	16,269	17,417	146,101
Inch Kenneth	785	4,653	4,653
Indragiri	450	550	550
Jimah	23,800	186,250	97,816
Jugra	9,300	10,560	14,973
Jebong	525	31,659	27,134
Kapar Para	559	413	1,421
Kamuning	50	4,098	16,598
Kempoy	3,207	13,765	13,765
Kepong	4,100	29,554	29,554
Klabang	54,510	455,756	455,756
Kuala Klang	7,000	7,000	7,000
Kuala Lumpur	20,103	20,128	182,238
Kuala Selangor	28,425	19,656	339,918
Labu	10,783	17,130	121,761
Landed	82,000	82,000	751,500
Ledbury	10,777	13,765	13,765
Linggi	512	1,194	1,194
London Asiatic	35,000	255,000	255,000
Malaka Pinda	723	937	2,361
Malacca Plant	2,434	2,435	16,741
Mandal Tekong	731	731	7,354
Merton	80	120	440
New Serendah	41,018	41,018	41,018
New Singapore	83,405	83,405	83,405
North Hummock	900	910	910
Novo Scotia	3,000	4,470	29,730
Padang Jawa	319	1,391	1,391
Pajam	30,620	265,541	265,541
Pantai	5,171	6,009	42,000
Perak	985	1,405	5,243
Perak Plant	1,150	1,653	8,131
Port Dickson	1,134	1,712	11,415
Radella	1,415	1,658	9,931
Rimba	707	54,853	54,853
Ribu Rubber	21,500	131,970	131,970
Rubana	2,500	2,750	16,514
Rutan	3,997	25,230	25,230
River Growers Assn.	173	163	1,165
St. Helena	6,700	9,017	72,718
Selang	9,000	58,108	58,108
Sengat	4,550	41,047	41,047
Sengul Choh	120,256	87,706	87,706
Sengul Kapar	10,469	0,115	135,504
Sandycroft	237,799	237,799	237,799
Seaford	24,187	315,561	315,561
Selangor	838	941	3,817
Semabang	8,168	9,868	63,741
Semawang	10,000	10,000	10,301
Shallford	14,421	15,641	116,007
Sipore & Johore	5,350	4,250	53,825
Singapore Para	44,150	240,030	240,030
Strait Rubber	5,083	16,610	16,610
Sungai Salak	10,118	47,919	47,919
Sungul Way	1,889	6,863	6,863
Sungul Chumor	870	2,616	2,616
Seaport	970	4,185	4,185
Tambak	1,800	1,700	5,910
Tanjong Malim	1,952	6,789	6,789
Telok Anson	14,483	10,319	2,612
Tali Ayer	318	2,612	2,612
Trafalgar	500	33,863	33,863
Tremelby	500	2,432	2,432
Talping	530	574	2,885
Ulu Pandan	2,128	7,469	15,247
United Singapore	5,102	11,136	11,136
United Samatra	0	0	0
Vallambrosa			

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Hongkong, 2nd November, 1910. (68)

WEATHER FORECAST AND STORM WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here.

Signal No.

1. A CONE point upwards. Indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.
2. A CONE point upwards and DRUM below. Indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.
3. A DRUM. Indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.
4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below. Indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.
5. A CONE point downwards. Indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.
6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below. Indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.
7. A BALL. Indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.
8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below. Indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office, Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Gap Rock. Aberdeen.

Waglan. San Ki Wan.

Stanley. Sal Kung.

Cape Collinson. Sha Tau Kok.

Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

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F. G. Free, Director.

21st Dec. 1910.

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BIRTH.

On December 13, 1910, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Flack—a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On November 25, 1910, at Chungking by the Rev. T. E. Robinson, M. A., Peking, William Stark Toller, H. B. M. Consular Service, to Rose Florence, widow of the late Arthur Lawrence, C. M. S., W. China.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 1910.

THE BACKWARDNESS OF CHINA.

Since Colonel C. D. Bruce of Shanghai wrote "In the Footsteps of Marco Polo," he has come to be looked upon as an authority on the subject of Things Chinese and his reputation as such is deservedly bestowed. Those of us who have lived in China long enough to be able to confess without a blush that we are as far off as ever from a true understanding of the Chinese character, find in Colonel Bruce an apt and ready spokesman. We are all only too well-acquainted with that unrepresentative type of the Old China Hand—the "twenty years in the country and speak the language" man—who in his armour-plated years returns to England and poses as an oracle on all things pertaining to China, and perhaps has the temerity to submit his views to the public in book form. Then we have the Sinoologue, whose jaundiced outlook is entirely introspective, who cannot see anything that does not lie under his very nose, who can write about the domestic life of the people and preach homilies on their virtues, yet is incapable of regarding things in an equitable

perspective or of making a sane comparison as between conditions existing in the East and in the West. Last of all, we have that most objectionable of creatures, the passing through writing man, who, after spending a week or two in China, rushes into print with a full dissertation upon Chinese life and customs and perhaps lectures in Exeter Hall or the Usher Hall to breathless thousands of all-believing listeners. In contradistinction to all these, Colonel Bruce invariably strikes a note that rings true. It so happens that the latest occasion upon which we have had the pleasure of meeting (in print) the Captain Superintendent of the Model Settlement is in his capacity of Preface to the "National Review" Annual. To exemplify his attitude of comparative view in respect of the Far Eastern situation, we cannot do better than quote his opening sentences. "It has been stated," he says, "though the writer cannot vouch for the truth of the story, that at the time when Weihsaiwei became a British outpost the Foreign Office in London were under the impression that it formed part of the Kowloon Hinterland at Hongkong. Although the story may not be strictly true, it is well known how colossal, until the last few years, has been the ignorance of all matters Chinese in England. Geographically, China has remained until a year or two ago an almost unknown quantity to millions of otherwise well-informed dwellers in Europe and America." And then Colonel Bruce goes on to a consideration of the many and various causes which can be adduced in explanation of the remarkable—nay, notorious—backwardness of the Chinese in taking their proper place in the progressive march of the world. On the face of it, there appear to be few things wanting to China which are usually considered necessary to the makings of a great nation. First amongst the adjuncts that make for national prosperity, she has an abundant population. Nowhere in the universe do so many industrious workers call one man their ruler. The people are frugal and healthy. Physically considered, the average Chinese peasant compares to advantage with his fellow labourer in any country, whether Oriental or Occidental. So far as regards the natural resources of the country, China still remains an untapped well, an unopened book. The Chinese themselves have not yet come to realise the mineral wealth of the Middle Kingdom. Content with picking up the outcrops of great iron, coal, silver and gold deposits that have been proved to abound all over the provinces, they have, so far but scratched the surface of a veritable mine of treasure. Were coal to remain the staple for heating purposes—which is unlikely in this age of advancement and scientific research—the yet untouched coal-fields of Manchuria are capable of supplying the world's needs for centuries to come. Then to what can be attributed the backwardness of China? She possesses all the essentials that make for progress. Surely the only conclusion at which one can arrive is that the seat of reaction lies in the method of national government. Colonel Bruce places it justly as the view of the opinion that China fails at present, and will continue to fail, until some new spiritual regeneration affects the nation itself. And to the obvious question—What is spiritual regeneration? he replies—Any regeneration which has for its guiding principle some moral force. In other words, our Preface lays down the dictum that China lags in the rear because of the purely materialistic moral atmosphere in which her people lead their daily lives. For our part, we heartily disagree with this view of the subject. China has a religion of her own, more ancient than, and as beautiful as, Christianity itself—as replete with moral gems as those which scintillate from the Sermon on the Mount. The whole tendency of Europe today is towards materialism. China's tendency is to all appearances more wholesome. While retaining her ancient faith, the people are clamorous of Reform, in the true sense of the word. Recent happenings have shown that the present active movement towards real reform in the government of the country is no mere pursuit of a shadow on the part of the Chinese people. They will not be content until they grasp the substance. And it is indicative of the national spirit that the first endeavours of the Reform Party are being directed towards a curtailment of the arbitrary and despotic powers wielded with impunity by the ruling classes. That way, and that way only, lies salvation for China.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is reported that a great strike of gold has been made on the Squirrel River, Alaska. A stampede to the scene of the discovery has taken place.

A CHINAMAN was awarded fourteen days' hard labour and ordered to pay \$2 compensation at the Police Court this morning for assaulting a Chinese woman at West Point and breaking some crockery.

AVIATION continues to claim its victims. Caught in a sudden gale while flying low over the sea, the Belgian aviator Peters was dashed to the ground, and so injured that he died in hospital.

"AT HOME" AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

A large number of invited guests availed themselves of the opportunity to meet His Excellency Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard at an "At Home," which was given by Lady Lugard at Government House last night. The gathering was a brilliant one and arrangements were perfected for the thorough enjoyment of the guests. The grounds were tastefully decorated with Chinese lanterns, clusters of which dangled from the trees in the beautifully kept gardens, which produced a most charming effect. A short programme of dances had been prepared, and for those whose inclinations did not lie in that direction, plenty of facilities were provided to spend the evening by indulging in other forms of relaxation. Altogether, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE SNATCHING HABIT.

AFTERMATH OF AN ASSAULT ON A EUROPEAN LADY.

A Chinaman was charged at the Magistrate's Court this morning before Mr. E. R. Hallifax with snatching a hand bag containing 65 cents in money from Miss Barrington on the 15th of September, while she was coming down a pathway by the filter beds at West Point in the direction of Bonham Strand.

Mr. Jackson appeared for the defence.

Complainant stated that she recognised the defendant, whom she met a few times after the 15th of September. Each time he saw witness he ran away. The last time he saw him she was carrying a stick and when defendant met her he ran away. She gave chase and later on, he was arrested.

The case was remanded to Wednesday next.

A PILLAR of gas was burning at Neungamme, near Hamburg, for nine days, and it attracted tens of thousands of sightseers. Three immense jets were able to stand the flame was visible for miles.

THE London County Council decided on the 2nd ultimo to appoint 225 additional teachers with the object of reducing the size of all classes of more than sixty children in London elementary schools.

PREPARATIONS for the Coronation Durbar at Delhi on January 1, 1912, are being already taken in hand. The ordinary relief movements of troops are likely to be affected by the concentration upon Delhi.

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. P. Hancox, and Royal Irish Fusiliers, who has just been promoted to that rank, has been appointed to command the 1st Battalion in China, and will leave Aldershot at an early date for Tientsin.

AN assistant cook of the Victoria Café was charged before Mr. E. R. Hallifax this morning with the larceny of four knives from the Café. Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the defence. Case remanded.

ABOUT seventy miles of virgin forest are in flames on the Amur River below Sienak, says a recent dispatch from Mukden, the smoke of the conflagration being 1250 feet high to prevent steamers getting up to their winter quarters at that town.

MAURICE Cummings was again brought up before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's Court this morning to answer a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner while drunk at the Sailors' Home. His Worship sentenced defendant to one month's imprisonment.

THE President of the United States has appointed Mr. W. Lewis, a negro, as Assistant Attorney-General. Mr. Roosevelt, commenting on the elections, says that the fight for progressive popular government has merely begun, and will certainly go on to a triumphant conclusion.

WILLIAM Booth, a runner of the R. G. A., was charged at the Magistrate's Court this morning with assaulting a Japanese woman in Ship Street. Defendant pleaded guilty and said he did not remember anything about the matter, as he was under the influence of drink at the time. Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$10.

We have received from the local agents of the P. & O. Steamship Company, the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company and the Law Union and Rock Insurance Company a number of calendars, blotting pads, diaries, etc.

THE N. C. D. News states that on the 15th inst. it was reported to the police that Miss Broadhurst, who is well known locally as a qualified nurse, had been missing since the evening of Tuesday, the 13th. She had been spending the afternoon with some friends in the Siza Road and left their house at 9 p.m. to return to her own home in Yangtze-poo, and from that moment she has not been heard of. At her home it was supposed, when she did not reappear, that she was staying with her friends, and her absence did not cause any anxiety until on the morning in question. At present her friends have not the least clue to this strange disappearance.

WHILE sympathy cannot be withheld from the captain of the ill-fated cruiser *Dafydd*, it must be admitted that the Court-martial which tried him did not inflict a very severe sentence. Of course the career of Captain Fisher in the Royal Navy has received a check, but that there was negligence, and negligence which resulted in not only the loss of a valuable cruiser, but in the loss of the lives of several of our brave blue-jackets—a loss which cannot be repaired by a mere monetary standard—cannot be denied. It is doubtful whether the quotation from the *Chobotek* China Sea sailing directions, 1894, helped his case much.—*L. & C. Express.*

THE CONSPIRACY CASH.

FRESH CHARGES PREPARED.

Before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistrate's Court this afternoon, the case was continued in which a one-time native student named Wong Tsz Kin and two others are charged with alleged conspiracy to murder two of the first-named defendant's younger brothers, with intent, so it is alleged, to come into certain property left by his father to the three children. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Mr. J. H. Gardiner represented the defendants. Fung Hor, First Interpreter of the Registrar-General's office, stated that he checked the translations of the letters (produced) and found them to be correct.

K. Lay, bookkeeper of the International Bank and also one of the executors and trustees of the will of the late Wong Wing Ho, produced the will. Witness was acquainted with the first defendant, who was the eldest son of the late Wong Wing Ho.

Mak Kui was recalled and cross-examined by Mr. Gardiner. You told us that you received \$130 yesterday. Could you tell us why you received more than the others?—Because I was supposed to be medicine.

What medicine?—Tonic acid. Why were you to receive \$16 more than the third defendant?—We were to get equal amounts, and on the next payment he will get more.

You told them you would get the acid?—Yes.

Did they ask you afterwards if you bought the acid or not?—Yes, but I did not get it, but I promised.

I put it to you that you put the white substance in the bottle on the table?—I did not see any.

Were you in the room when the Police arrived?—Yes.

How long were you there before the Police arrived?—About twenty minutes.

Were you to murder the boys yourself?—No, the others were to assist me.

You told us that on the 14th you wrote a letter?—No, on the 13th.

How were you to address it?—To the three men.

How did you deliver it?—I took it to the door and handed it to Ohn Chau.

I put it to you that the deed was to be done money?—No, it was to murder people.

Mr. Bowley—You told us you handed a letter to Chiu Chau. In where?—At No. 37, Elgin Street.

You told us just now that others were to assist you in murdering the boys. Who were the others?—The three defendants.

Wong Ho Shi, widow of Wong Wing Ho, stated that her husband died last year, she lived in 42, Gaine Road with her children. She was deceased's third wife. The first defendant was the son of the first wife.

Mr. Gardiner—On what terms is Wong Tsz Kin with his step-brothers?—Very good.

Does he give them presents?—He always takes them out.

Did he go to your place at all this month?—Yes, once. He came and took his step-brothers to the bazaar, and returned with toys.

Chief Detective-Insp. Henson was recalled and gave evidence of the dates of receipt of the different letters from Hung On.

The case was remanded till Friday afternoon.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, Chiu Chiu, unemployed fisher, and Chiu Kai, hawker, were charged with persuading Mak Kui not to give evidence against Chiu Chau.

The first defendant denied the charge and the second said he was paid to do it.

Case remanded for a week.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING OF CHINESE BOYS.

DUO WHO RUN AWAY FROM SHOEMAKER'S SHOP.

Two men were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning with kidnapping two boys at Kowloon. It appears that the two boys were employed in a shoemaker's shop and for some reason or other, they received a thrashing from their master, which led to their running away to return to their parents. On their way they met the two defendants, who told them that they could get good jobs in Hongkong in the tobacco-picking line. This induced the lads to follow the men and the four boarded the s.s. *Siu On*. When called upon to pay their fares, the defendants had no money to pay for the boys, who indirectly disclosed the men's plans to those on board. The Captain detained the men on board and on the vessel's arrival in port, handed them over to the Police.

His Worship discharged the defendants on the ground of insufficient evidence.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

[Spec. by Translator for the Hongkong Telegraph.]

PRINCE CHING SHOT.

It is rumored that a man shot Prince Ching on the latter leaving the Palace for his home. The shot was fired in a garden in which His Highness was driving but fortunately passed over his head. A scene of utter confusion followed amongst His Highness's attendants, during which the assailant made good his escape. His Highness is none the worse for his experience.

CUTTING OF THE QUEVE.

The Members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a meeting the other day to discuss the question of the cutting of the queve. They decided to memorialize the Throne next audience day to order that all officials of the various Ministries, Ministers, Consuls and their secretaries, and the officials of the Commission of Foreign Affairs' yamen, should discard their queves first.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL REPORT AND PRIZE LIST.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, presided at this afternoon at the annual distribution of prizes at St. Joseph's English College.

The Rev. Froh Director submitted his report for the year 1910, which has been on the whole a prosperous one for the College. The attendance has been good and the boys have succeeded well in the different examinations. The highest monthly enrolment during the year was 491, while the average daily attendance was 435. These figures show an improvement on last year, when the highest monthly enrolment was 416 and the average daily attendance 400. The attendance of the boys has been regular throughout the year. Except for a few typhoid days, there was no serious break in the regular classes. The Rev. Brother Director points out to Chinese parents the necessity of sending their children to school before the age of twelve; when this is done the boys succeed well and carry off many prizes. The staff has been strengthened during the year by the addition of two European teachers. All the classes are now strictly in accordance with the requirements of the Education Department, the highest number of pupils under the supervision of any one teacher being 40. The weekly testimonials and monthly examinations continue to interest the boys very much. This stimulus seems to back the monotony of the ordinary class work, while it also fits the boys for their final examinations. The conduct of the pupils has been very good. They try to please their teachers, and as a result exhibit an excellent spirit. The Boarding Department is in a prosperous condition, and the *esprit de corps* actuating the boarders is excellent.

The results of the Oxford examination were very gratifying. There were presented 9 seniors, 12 juniors and 16 preliminaries. Of these, 8 seniors, 11 juniors, and 16 preliminaries secured passes. Lou's Rabat, Peter Prevost, and Joachim Th. an obtained third-class honours in the senior, while Cheung Kai obtained distinction in Classical Chinese and a certificate exempting him from repetitions. Nearly all the boys secured a good pass in English.

The shorthand and typewriting classes still maintained their efficiency. During the year several examinations were held and 24 certificates were given—8 for shorthand and 16 for typewriting. Towards the end of October an examination was held under the auspices of the Shorthand and Typewriting Committee. There were presented for shorthand speed certificates 16 boys—12 words a minute being the highest speed—and for typewriting certificates 10 boys. The results have not yet come to hand.

Hygiene has been well taught during the year. The examinations in this subject produced on the whole satisfactory results. Ten boys were presented for the term competition but so far the results have not been made known. In compliance with instructions from the Education Department, and in view of the future University of Hongkong, hygiene has been included in the Oxford senior and junior curriculum.

The library in connection with the Oxford class is a source of great benefit to the boys. At present it contains close on 600 volumes. The College received a large number of new books during the year, and although it is still far from being as complete as the Rev. Director could wish, it may be said that it admirably fulfils the purpose for which it was established.

While solicitors for the moral and intellectual development of the pupils, the College staff also took special interest in their physical education. Football teams are organized and games are regularly played at sunset. The first and second teams are very promising this year, but as long as the boys were confined to the very limited recreation ground attached to the College, it cannot be expected that the result on the field should be anything but mediocre.

In the month of June the Director of Education visited the College and, having reported very favourably on the discipline, organization and its action, he once again declared the school to be "thoroughly efficient."

The prizes are as follows:—

CHINESE DEPARTMENT.

Class 8b.—Hing (hung, Chinese, drawing, arithmetic; Chik Yan, Chinese, penmanship, arithmetic; Cheong Lam, English, geography; Mao Lim, geography, penmanship, drawing; Fook Wah, general proficiency; Kwong Lok, English, religious knowledge; Ming To, religious knowledge.

Class 8.—Kwong Yip Shui, general proficiency, geography, English; Kwong Wai Shing, English, geography; Liu Kam Shing, arithmetic, religious knowledge; Tseng Kwan Hing, Chinese drawing, arithmetic; Fung Wing, penmanship, drawing; Li Cheung Wai, religious knowledge; Lam Wing Kwong, Chinese; Lam Cheun Dat, penmanship.

Class 7.—Yu Wuo, English, religious knowledge, arithmetic, general proficiency; Cheong Lam, arithmetic, geography, English; Dy Yen Peng, religious knowledge; Ou Kai Cheung, geography, English; Ping Ching, drawing; Rui Kam, Chinese; Yat Fook, drawing; Fung Ming, geography; Lo Tong, penmanship; Lau Chu, penmanship.

Class 6.—Lam Siu Kong, penmanship, arithmetic, Chinese, general proficiency, religious knowledge; Chao Woo Lai, English, geography, arithmetic; Paul Chin, geography, religious knowledge, hygiene; Tang Shu Sang, penmanship; Wong Sum, hygiene; Pak Che Fai, drawing; Lau Fook Ling, drawing; Ho Koon Ho, Chinese.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

Class 8a.—J. Strada, general proficiency, English, religious knowledge; F. Gomes, English, religious knowledge; F. Leon, arithmetic, penmanship; L. Oudreco, arithmetic; Dolly, penmanship.

Class 8b.—J. Remedios, general proficiency, English, religious knowledge; P. Elms, English; Luo Chai, arithmetic, penmanship; Perkin Lung, arithmetic; Yung Sin Chee, penmanship; M. Beltran, drawing; J. Soares, drawing; J. Roz, religious knowledge.

Class 7.—O. Riza, general proficiency, English, religious knowledge; A. Hart, religious knowledge; geography; F. Silva, English, religious knowledge; A. Leong, geography, J. Thabo, penmanship, drawing; I. Almalia, arithmetic; Lambert Can, arithmetic, penmanship; L. Lopes, drawing.

Class 6.—V. Barradas, general proficiency, hygiene, geography; M. Mehil, English, penmanship, drawing; A. Omond, English, arithmetic; A. Almeida, arithmetic, drawing; L. Omond, religious instruction; F. N. gura, geography, religious knowledge; K. Lohnan, hygiene; S. Set, penmanship; F. Silva, English, religious knowledge.

Class 5b.—F. Reis, general proficiency, English, mathematics, religious knowledge, hygiene, history; G. Gotauro, religious knowledge, drawing, hygiene, penmanship; geography; S. Johnson, English, mathematics, penmanship, history, geography; R. Baumann, drawing.

Class 5a.—H. Da Luz, general proficiency, English, hygiene, religious knowledge; A. Xiong, geography, history, penmanship, drawing; F. Collico, English, history, hygiene, religious knowledge; F. Seto, geography, mathematics, penmanship; F. hi Fai, mathematics; G. Carvalho, drawing.

Class 4.—G. Carvalho, general proficiency, English, history, hygiene, religious knowledge; Kwong Ming, mathematics, geography, penmanship; A. Omond, geography, religious knowledge; F. Kennedy, mathematics, penmanship; F. K. S. lo, history; G. Reich, English; F. Silva, drawing; A. Tavaras, drawing; C. Vas, hygiene.

Class 3 (Oxford Preliminary).—Xiong Clee, general proficiency, arithmetic, English, mathematics, drawing, French; R. Ribeiro, Scripture, history, drawing; A. Siqueira, mathematics, hygiene; F. Murray, English, Scripture; O. Messo, arithmetic, geography; H. Reich, geography, C. Baptista, hit 7; R. Bou guin, C. Scripture; F. Burjo, hygiene.

Class 2 (Oxford Junior).—J. Yau, general proficiency, bookkeeping, mathematics, political economy, English history; F. Oronio, political economy, physical geography, shorthand, commercial knowledge; E. Borelio, Scripture, physical geography; M. Mayer, Scripture, history, bookkeeping; A. Fazio, English; W. Ezra, mathematics.

Class 1 (Oxford Senior).—L. Rabat, excellence, bookkeeping, Spanish, political economy; P. Prevost, excellence, bookkeeping, French, political economy, English, Scripture; J. Thuan, excellence, physical geography, mathematics, history, Scripture; Cheung Kai, responsibility, physical geography, mathematics, classical Chinese, shorthand, typewriting; D. Rosario, history; G. Litton, English.

SPECIAL PRIZE LIST.

His Lordship the Bishop's prize for religious knowledge, J. Thuan, H. E. Mijr; General Anderson's prize for mathematics, Cheung Kai; Sir H. N. Moly's gold medal for English literature, P. Prevost; Sir H. N. Moly's school scholarship \$30 for English (senior), P. Prevost; Mr. Bellios' scholarship \$35 for English (junior), J. Yau Loy; Mr. Bellios' scholarship \$25 for English (junior), A. Basto; Mr. J. M. Alves' scholarship \$35 for commercial knowledge, H. C. Z. ric; Catholic Union scholarship \$35 for religious knowledge, P. Prevost; Mr. J. M. Basto's gold medal for shorthand, gold medal presented by a friend for responsibility, Cheung Kai; Mr. G. J. Siqueira, gold watch for general proficiency in Std. 7, J. Yau Loy; gold medal presented by the College for excellence in Senior Oxford, L. Rabat; gold medal presented by the College for excellence in Senior Oxford, P. Prevost; gold medal presented by the College for excellence in Senior Oxford, J. Thuan.

Prizes for special merit.—A. Siqueira, R. Paumano, Y. Po Tam, P. Burguat and Kwong Chee.

OXFORD CERTIFICATES.

Fellowship.—Xuong Chie, Henry Reich, R. Bourguat, O. Mays, R. Ribeiro, W. White, C. Baptista, F. Murray, L. Gomes, F. Yung Po Nam, L. Oronio, A. Siqueira, G. Baker, R. Baumann, F. Burjo, Lung Ping Kwar.

Junior.—Joseph Yau Loy, Henry Chiao, D. Brown, W. Ezra, M. Mayer, E. Borelio, Tang Che, Ko, A. Basto, L. Remedios, L. Ribeiro, L. Pascolan.

Senior.—L. Rabat, Prevost, J. Thuan, Cheung Kai, D. Rosario, G. Litton, L. Goethers, R. Baptista.

SHORTHAND CERTIFICATE.

F. da Luz, J. Thuan, J. Silva, P. Prevost, H. Oronio, Cheung Kai, R. Baptista, H. Mayer, J. Lopes, D. Rosario, L. Ribeiro, G. Litton, J. Yau Loy, E. Borelio, D. Brown, A. Castro, H. Reich, F. Murray.

TYPING CERTIFICATE.

F. da Luz, P. Prevost, J. Thuan, L. Basto, F. Kwong Po Nam, L. Basto.

REGARDING the recent loan agreement signed in London, while it allows complete independence of action to each nation, Reuters' Agency says it abolishes financial spheres of influence, and inasmuch as it secures equal participation in foreign loans in any portion of China, disposes of the idea of the conquest of China by one Power or another by means of railways.

The flag of Denmark, a plain red banner bearing on it a white cross, is the oldest flag now in existence. For 500 years both Norway and Sweden were united with Denmark under this flag. In the year 1210 King Waldemar of Denmark, when leading his troops to battle against the Livonians, saw or thought he saw a bright light in the form of a cross in the sky. He held this appearance to be a promise of Divine aid, and pressed forward to victory. From this time he had the cross placed on the flag of his country, and called it the Dannebrog, that is, the strength of Denmark.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, 20th December.

SERIOUS CLAN FIGHT.

A severe clan fight occurred yesterday outside the north gate of the city near the Fort Wing Hospital. The resident surgeon of that institution intervened in the matter and instructed the ambulance corps to attend to the wounded. At a later stage, troops from the Namhoi Magistracy and a detachment of guards arrived on the scene of the outbreak to quell the disturbance.

GUARDING BRITISH INTERESTS.

A despatch has been received by H. E. the acting Vice Consul of the British Consulate here to the following effect:—With reference to the proposed opium monopoly the certificate issued to smokers stipulated that a smoker must obtain his opium from firms named by the monopolists. No purchases could be made from any other firm, besides several opium-selling firms whose names are not included in the list of firms appearing on the certificate. It is evident that the Kwang Yuen Company (the present prepared opium monopolists) has come to an understanding with certain firms to this end to cause a hindrance to the trade of other firms. If this presumption is true, such an act is against Treaty obligations and the authorities are requested to at once instruct the Company concerned to cancel the vexatious regulations. H. E. the acting Vice Consul is requested to make investigations into the matter, and to make investigations into the matter.

GAMBLING MONOPOLY.

The members of the Canton Deliberative Assembly who voted in favour of the continuance of the gambling monopoly, have started a newspaper to reply to the fierce criticisms of the local press. The opposing party have also decided to establish a rival organ for counter-attacks.

OPIMUM DIVANS.

The number of opium divans in the district of Namhoi, according to the register of the Prepared Opium Monopolists, amounts to 1,133 firms, all of which have applied for registration.

THE MONTE CARLO OF THE FAR EAST.

An article on Macao ("Macao: The Monte Carlo of the Far East") contributed to the November *Travel and Exploration* is of some topical interest at the present juncture in view of the recent revolution in Portugal. For Macao is one of the few remaining fragments of the great Portuguese Eastern Empire. The article, which is anonymous, gives a great deal of information on this little-known piece of "Portugal in China."

The gambling halls are in the Chinese quarter, and are by no means attractive as regards exterior or interior. These gambling houses are usually of one story only, and on the ground floor you will find a brightly lighted and ventilated room, some thirty feet by fifty feet, the sole furniture of which is a table about six feet square and four feet high. Before the croupier, usually the proprietor, is a small pile of cash. In the middle of the table is a large slab of zinc divided into four sections, numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4. The punters place their stakes on one of the sections, but the richer players are careful not to indicate the amount of the stake, and wrap their money up in rice paper, though even the most skillful croupier would find it difficult with so many eyes watching the manipulation of the cash, to add to his legitimate profits by cheating.

When all the stakes have been laid down—and the zinc tablet by this time is quite concealed by little heaps of coins, and the little pile-like pellets which contain the stakes of the more cautious gamblers, suspicious of the dexterity of the croupier in manipulating the cash—the croupier calls out the Chinese equivalent of *Messieurs en jeu* or *fait*. He indicates this as well by covering his own heap of cash with a brass bowl, and begins slowly and deliberately to draw out four cub at a time, with a chopstick in each hand. His movements are purposely deliberate, so as to impress the punters with the fact that "there is no deception." Ultimately the heap is reduced to one, two or three cub, or nothing remains. The winning stakes are at once paid in the proportion of three times the stakes (less the banker's commission of 10 per cent.) to those who have backed the winning numbers 1, 2, 3, or 4, the latter number only winning when no cash is bet in the heap at division.—*L. & C. Express.*

SHIPPING LEGISLATION AT SINGAPORE.

PROTEST AGAINST LOCAL FREIGHT BILL BY LIVERPOOL ASSOCIATION.

At the monthly meeting of the North of England Steamship Owners' Association's Committee of Management held on October 31st, at Newcastle, says the *Newcastle Chronicle*, a communication from the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association was read asking support in protesting against an ordinance of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements, whereby the power of shipowners in making their contracts with merchants is restricted by a tax of 10 per cent. or over on freights which may be deemed to be excessive. In the Bill the Governor-in-Council is made the sole and final judge as to what may constitute an unduly high level of freights. It was agreed to support the Liverpool Association in making representations thereon to the Colonial Office.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at the American Consulate General to-day:—

Manila, December 21, 11 a.m.
Cyclone or Typhoon E. of Southern Luzon direction unknown.

PROGRESS IN CHINA.

The following later-stage article is from the *Peking Daily News* of December 9:—

The Commission for the Study of Constitutional Government has recently presented a memorial to the Throne reporting the result of constitutional preparations as reported by the different departments of the Central Government and the viceroys and governors of the various provinces. The commission, after quoting the various Imperial Decrees issued and bearing upon the subject of constitutional preparation, says that the preparations to be made this year consists of fourteen items. The first among them has been the convention of the Tzu-chi Yuen which is still holding its ordinary session. The other items have to do with administration, civil affairs, finance, education, law and the judiciary.

With regard to the reorganization of the administrative system, the Commission presented on the 15th day of the 2nd moon of the 2nd year of Hsuan Tung (January, 1910) a memorial to the Throne.

EMBODYING A ROUGH SKETCH.

Upon which the official reorganization should be based. When the Imperial sanction was being obtained, copies of the draft were sent to the different departments inviting their opinion thereon. Their views having been obtained a revision was made to the scheme which came to consist of fourteen articles and fourteen tables. The revised scheme was presented to the Throne for approval on the 4th day of this moon (December 11) and will be enforced when Imperial Decree to that effect shall have been issued. Closely connected with this matter is the preparation of the regulations for the civil service examination, and for the

GRADUATION OF OFFICIAL SALARY.

The Commission is of opinion, however, that as official salaries could not be fixed without the reorganization of the official system being effected, it is proposed that the revised official system be first effected, and the regulations for the graduation of salaries be set on foot.

Under the category of civil affairs there is the local government system to be introduced during this period, that is, the first period of the third year of constitutional preparation, in the more flourishing cities and towns. A City Council is to be established at each of the cities and towns described in the above, until even towns of minor importance shall have their local councils. Szechuan province has achieved the best result in this matter and municipalities have been established in over seventy of its cities and towns, and they will be established within this year in sixty more of the cities and towns. Next to Szechuan may be mentioned Kiangsi, Hupai, Shensi and Kuangsi, which have all attained good results in this matter. Census taking is another preparation to be made in this period. Having reported the number of houses in the Empire at the end of last year, the number of inhabitants is to be ascertained, according to the order of the Mincheng Tu, at the end of the 10th moon (November). As some of the reports are still not forthcoming, a separate memorial will be presented jointly by the Commission and the Mincheng Pu Yehansan. With regard to the census taking in Kuang-tung, a memorial has been presented by the Canton Viceroy to the effect that troubles having occurred in the Tapu district on account of the census people's misunderstanding and objecting to the labelling of houses numbers, it is prayed that the taking of a census in Kuang-tung be deferred until the police system and elementary schools shall have been extensively established in the several districts and towns. Another item to be accomplished within this year is the

ORGANIZATION OF POLICE FORCE in the Ting, Chow, and Hsien of the different provinces. Only two provinces have so far reported that police have been introduced in all the Ting, Chow and Hsien, and they are Szechuan and Hsienkiang. It is not possible to extend the police system in Kiang. In the Szechuan province there are about one hundred and thirty-two Ting, Chow and Hsien, where police forces have been organized, and in Hsienkiang the police force has been maintained in most places at least of the prescribed force. As it had begun to organize police forces at a comparatively earlier date, there are 11,700 odd regular police constables. There are in addition some 20,000 policemen in reserve. The other provinces have not fully accomplished all that they should do, but they all report that police will be organized in all the Ting, Chow and Hsien at the end of this year, or in the near future.

As to the REORGANIZATION OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM of the Empire there is the budget which has already been completed, and is being submitted to the Tzu-chi Yuen. The different provinces have also each prepared a budget which is to be in conformity with the bill of forms prepared by the Tzu-chi Pa and approved by the Throne. The budget is indeed the most important business of a constitutional government. The question of drafting laws for the levying of local taxes is another item confronting the Financial Ministry.

The establishment of elementary schools for teaching the people how to read is the item of constitutional preparation that has to do with education. Elementary schools to be established in all the Ting, Chow, and Hsien of the different provinces. Szechuan leads the list of having the greatest number of elementary schools numbering some two thousand six hundred and thirty, and Hupai rank next having about one thousand schools of this kind. Chekiang and Shantung have about seven hundred, Kuangsi about six hundred, Honan, Kiangsi, Fukien, Kiangsu, Hsien, Shensi, and Kansu about three or four hundred schools each. The rest of the provinces have each established about one hundred. The greatest number of scholars attending these schools are in Chihli, Chekiang and Hupai, in over 20,000 and in the remaining provinces the number is proportionately small.

The Criminal Code having been prepared and revised by the Commission concerned is now submitted to the Tzu-chi Yuen and will be submitted to the Throne for promulgation after it shall have been passed by the Assembly. The Code consists of 405 articles under the heading of General and Special Provisions.

The establishment of Courts of various grades in the provincial capitals and treaty ports is AN ITEM OF CONSTITUTIONAL PREPARATION bearing upon the subject of the Judiciary. All these Courts are to be established within this year. In a memorial to the Throne the Ministry of Justice stated that the Courts should be established after judicial officials should be selected after an examination to be held this autumn, and the establishment of them will be hastened so that it will be accomplished within this year. Examination was held on the 9th moon, and some 500 candidates were chosen. In the provincial capitals and in nearly all of the treaty ports Courts have already been, or are in course of being, organized.

The above is a summary of the memorial of the Commission for the Study of Constitutional Government. Though the Commission is simply stating the facts, it may be discernible between the lines that all the officials concerned are without exception quite earnest in effecting the renovation of the empire in the Chinese Empire.

GRENIER'S RUBBER MANUAL.

The proprietors of "Grenier's Rubber News," an excellent fortnightly magazine that made its first appearance fourteen months ago, have now published a Rubber Manual, which may be read with considerable profit by all those interested in the industry. Many phases of the industry are touched by those who have made a careful study of their subject, and among the headings of chapters may be noted:—A Retrospect of 1910, The Early Finance of the Rubber Industry, The Rubber Market in 1910; while a number of Estates are "written up" in an interesting way. A chapter devoted to "The Rubber Planting Industry" explains various phases of estate development, and shows by pictures what an estate at various stages in its history should and should not look like. Local Directors and Agents' might well insist upon quarterly photographs of portions of the younger estates and check them by the standards set in this article. The Rubber Manual is profusely illustrated with excellent reproductions of photographs, and it can be cordially recommended. Copies can be obtained from Messrs. Charles Grenier & Son, Kuala Lumpur, at \$1.25 each (Straits Currency).

THE PROVINCES OF CHINA.

"NATIONAL REVIEW" ANNUAL.

We beg to acknowledge receipt from the National Review Office, Shanghai, of a copy of that journal's Annual, which is being issued to subscribers only, in handsome quarto size with broad covers. The Annual bears the title "The Provinces of China" and its pages contain also a history of the first year of P.M.M. Hsuan Tung and an account of the Government of China. Colonel O. D. Bruce signs his name to a very readable preface. The management of the *National Review* are to be congratulated on their publication, which is replete with information invaluable to all who have interests in China and in China's trade. The publishers intend in future to publish the Annual at each China New Year.

The Province of China: Shanghai. The National Review Office, 1910.

RENT PROBLEM IN SHANGHAI.

TAOTAI ISSUES A RESCRIPT.

The House Rent Reduction Committee have addressed a letter to the Chinese and foreign house-owners begging them to reduce the present high rents, which the Chinese find impossible to bear in these hard times, and assuring them that they will be at liberty to raise them again when trade is better.

The Taotai has issued the following rescript to the petition of the House Rent Reduction Committee:—I have again and again written to the Senior Consul and the Chamber of Commerce, and given instructions to the Mixed Court Magistrate to persuade the Chinese and foreign house-owners to reduce the rents. When the Mixed Court Magistrate reported to me about the E. D. Sassoon case I ordered him to take the opportunity of persuading the landlords to reduce the rents at the trial. Tenants are hard pressed and are anxious to have their burden lightened. But there is no means of compelling the landlords to reduce the rents if they do not all agree to it. I am an official of this place and share the sorrows of my people, but all I can do is to use my best efforts to persuade the house owners to reduce the rents, that the object you have in view may soon be achieved. I will never put your matter out of my mind. You are to take no of and obey this, and to tell all the merchants to remain quiet and await for me to persuade the landlords to reduce the rents. Let none disobey.

The Mixed Court Magistrate has written a letter to the Chinese house owners asking them to have compassion on the long suffering people and reduce the rents.

A NEW THEORY.

CHINESE THE FUTURE "WORLD" LANGUAGE.

"World" languages, Professor Pietro Riva put forward the theory, says a Paris correspondent, that the language of the future will be Chinese. He rests his contention on the fact that the Chinese characters represent ideas and not words, arguing that ideas are universal, and that the character which, for the Chinese, represents the sun, might represent the sun for all the world. That is true, comments a Paris correspondent, but that is not sufficient to avoid the sun being given a different name. Mr. Riva's statement is the more curious in view of the fact that a Commission of Japanese savants is at present studying the means of suppressing Chinese characters from Japanese writing and substituting a Western alphabet.

COMMERCIAL.

20th December, 11 p.m.

The following quotations for rubber shares by wire, are supplied by Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co.:

Allagars	5/
Anglo-Javas	11s. 7
Anglo-Malays	24/
Balgowales	50/
Bertams	6/6
Carey United	17/6 prem.
Castlefields	119/
Changkat Serdangs	58/
Citras (part paid)	38 prem.
Do. (fully paid)	518
Damansaras	152/6
Eastern Internationals	13/ prem.
Glencorlys	\$2.00
Higblands and Lowlands	107/6
Jadraglis	513/
Kamunings	5/ prem.
Kuala Lumpurs	165/
Ladbours	65/
Linggis	17/3
London Asiatics	23/
London Ventures	5/
Merlimans	5/
Pajans	510
Pegohs	53/
Rubber Trusts	17/6 prem.
Sandycrofts	526
Sapongs	37/
Seafields	140/
Shelfords	73/9
Singapore & Johores	513
Singel Chobs	92/6
Singel Kapars	14/
Tangkabs	50/
Toemangle	112/6
United Serdangs	112/6
United Singapore	514
United Sumatras	8/3
United Langkats	50/
Duffs	13/
Tronohs	37/

PARA RUBBER.

BANANA CLOTH.

A specimen of cloth made from banana fibre, recently exhibited at the fair at Chungking, has been sent by the British Consul of that place to the Board of Trade, says "Knowledge." It is prepared in China by unrolling the stalks of the banana when about a year old, and sewing them over boiling water until quite soft. The green outer skin may now easily be stripped off by passing the stalk through a machine provided with two blunt scrapers, the residue then containing the fibres. The material is next wrapped in a cloth and hammered so as to separate the fibres and expel the moisture, and the fibres are then pulled apart and spun into threads for weaving. The method of separation is thus very similar to that used in the preparation of ramie fibres. So far only a few lengths of cloth have been woven, and the price is therefore high (£1 3s 6d for a roll 15 feet long by 3 feet broad), but with increased demand the price will fall and the material will probably be extensively used in the manufacture of clothes for summer wear. The ultimate fibres are about fifteen inches in length and very strong. The twisted form of the bottom fibre recalls the characteristic twist of the cotton fibre, from which, however, it may be distinguished by not having the twists along its whole length. The jointed structure is similar to that of the linen fibre, which it also resembles in its general chemical characteristics and behaviour towards different reagents. A specimen of the pale yellow cloth, for which the writer is indebted to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, was exceedingly tough and apparently very durable. It contained 10.5 per cent. of moisture, and yielded, on ignition, 1.7 per cent. of mineral matter (ash), the latter figure being very similar to that given by linen, which usually contains about 1.5 per cent. of matter.

Events Coming.

Wednesday, 21st December.
Hongkong Philharmonic Society Concert.
Bijou Theatre, 9 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd December.
St. Joseph's College, Prize Distribution.
"Scharnhorst" Band Concert at Theatre Royal.

Friday, 23rd December.
Police Ball.

Saturday, 24th December.
Boxing at City Hall, 9 p.m.

Monday, 26th December.
Volunteers Field Day.

Tuesday, 27th December.
Bank Holiday.

Thursday, 29th December.
Higbes and Hough property sale of Boiling site at Low.

Saturday, 31st December.
Concert at Club Germania.
Club Lusitano Ball, at Club house.

THE FESTIVE SEASON.

EVERYTHING is ready for CHRISTMAS at the BRITISH-AMERICAN CANDY STORES, No. 15, Pottinger Street. CANDIES of every description, XMAS ORACKERS and STOCKINGS can be had at very reasonable prices.

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1910. (750)

To-day's Advertisement.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APOAR."
Capt. S. H. Nelson, will be despatched for the above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,
Agents,
Hongkong, 21st December, 1910. (76)

THE PARLIAMENTARY BILL.

A DRAMATIC DEMONSTRATION.

The debate in the House of Lords on Lord Lansdowne's motion inviting the production of the Parliament Bill—which embodies the well-known principles of the Veto Resolutions passed by the Commons in April last—had a dramatic demonstration. Fresh from his visit with the Premier, to the King, and from the Cabinet meeting which ensued, Lord Crew announced that the Government would introduce the Parliament Bill at once, and take the second reading on the earliest day convenient for the Leader of the Opposition. "We are prepared to put this measure for the House to take or the House to leave it," declared Lord Crew, who added that no amendment would be accepted. In the course of his speech the Marquis of Lansdowne declared that if the various proposals dealing with the Veto were to be swept away by a dissolution, it would be not only a grave misfortune but a "very wanton affront" to Parliament. He expressed his intention of supporting the Earl of Rosebery's House of Lords Reform resolutions, and said he would not quarrel with the Commons' claim to preponderance in cases where purely financial considerations were involved. The resolution was agreed to, and the Parliament Bill was presented and read a first time.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1910. (74)

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December 21st,

9.15 p.m.

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THEATRE ROYAL.
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Hongkong, 16th December, 1910.

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"EMPRESS OF INDIA" SATURDAY, FEB. 11TH.	"ALLAN LINE" FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" SATURDAY, MAR. 11TH.	"ALLAN LINE" FRIDAY, MAY 5TH.
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For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	FRIDAY, 23rd Dec, Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALOUTTA, LAISANG	WINGSANG	SATURDAY, 24th Dec, Noon.
MANILA	WINGSANG	SATURDAY, 24th Dec, Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	FOOKSANG	FRIDAY, 6th Jan, Noon.
MANILA	YUENSANG	SATURDAY, 7th Jan, Noon.

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The steamers *Katsang*, *Hamsang* and *Fooksang* leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong.

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Telephone No. 215, Hongkong, 21st December, 1910.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
ILOILO & CEBU	"KAIFONG"	2nd Dec, Noon.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	2nd " 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"BINGAN"	23rd " Noon.
SHANGHAI	"LIAN"	24th " Mid'n.
SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI	"HOIHOW"	24th " 4 P.M.

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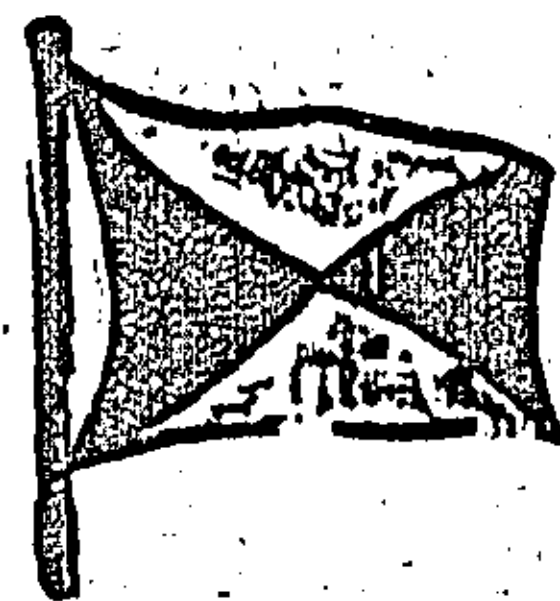
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These steamers and passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. Telephone No. 25, Hongkong, 21st December, 1910.

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PHILIPPINES.
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COMPANY.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	4000	S. Crosby	MANILA, ILOILO & CEBU	WEDNESDAY, 21st Dec, at 4 P.M.
SAIRO	4000	E. Rice	MANILA, ILOILO & CEBU	WEDNESDAY, 28th Dec, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN TOMES & CO. GENERAL MANAGERS, Hongkong, 21st December, 1910.

Shipping—Steamers.

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Fair, speed. Superior passenger accommodation. Electric light throughout. First class cuisine.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1910. S. HIROI, Manager.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSHALLS, LONDON AND ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	"KAWACHI MARU," Capt. H. Peterson, Tons 7000 "KAGA MARU," Capt. M. Hagino, Tons 7000	TUESDAY, 27th Dec., P.M. WEDNESDAY, 4th Jan., at Daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE "SADO MARU," Capt. S. Horiuchi, Tons 7000 {SATURDAY, 31st Dec. From KOBE.

VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA "INABA MARU," Capt. K. Kawara, Tons 7000 {TUESDAY, 3rd Jan., at Noon.
"TAMBA MARU," Capt. K. Sato, Tons 7000 {TUESDAY, 31st Jan., at Noon.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE "YAWATA MARU," Capt. T. Sekino, Tons 5000 {THURSDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
"NIKKO MARU," Capt. M. Yagi, Tons 6000 {FRIDAY, 20th Jan., Noon.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO "HAKATA MARU," Capt. A. Mochizuki, Tons 7000 {TUESDAY, 27th December.
"HITACHI MARU," Capt. N. Matsuo, Tons 7000 {THURSDAY, 2nd Dec., at 5 P.M.

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MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	15th Feb.	To London, per New Steamer 1st class Single... £550
KITANO	9,000	1st March	" " " 2nd class Single... 350
IYO	7,000	15th "	" " " Return... 500
HIRANO	9,000	29th "	" " " 1st class Single... 500
TANGO	8,000	12th April	" " " Return... 750
KAMO	9,000	26th "	" " " 2nd class Single... 350
AKI	7,000	10th May	" " " Return... 495
MISHIMA	9,000	24th "	" " " "

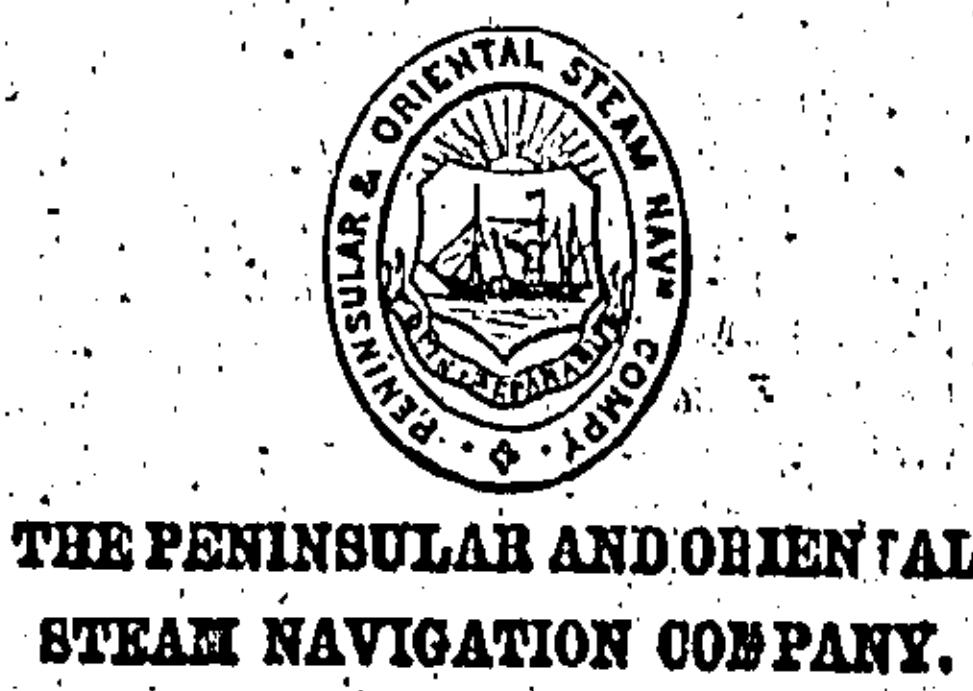
To Victoria, B.C. and Seattle, Wash. U.S.A.

Steamers.	Tons	Leave Hongkong	RATES OF PASSAGE.
AWA MARU	7,000	28th Feb.	To Pacific Coast Common Points 1st class Single... £30
INABA	7,000	28th March	" " " 2nd " " " 20
TANDA	7,000	25th April	To London, via New York 1st " " " £60
AWA	7,000	23rd May	" " " via St. Lawrence 1st " " " £59

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THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1910.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1910.

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Shipping—Steamers.

THE "INVER" STEAMSHIPS, LIMITED.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1910.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, ROTTERDAM AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"DENIGHSHIRE," Captain W. Bisset, will be despatched as above about 19th January.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1910.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE," Captain R. Hayes, will be despatched as above about 22nd February.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation afforded by this steamer at the cheap rates. She is fitted throughout with electric light, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1910.

Consignees.

AMERICAN-ASIATIC S. S. CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"INDRACEO," Captain W. H. Lea, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being loaded at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1910.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"GOEBEN," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being loaded and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd of December will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd of December, at 9.30 A.M.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1910.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SCANDIA," Captain von Döhrn, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being loaded and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

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HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1910.

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